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Worship Hours

Sundays: Orthros 8:15 a.m. followed by Divine Liturgy
Weekdays: Divine Liturgy 6:30 a.m.
Esperinos: For Major Feasts 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Paraklesis Service 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

- + St. Basil Golf Outing
- + 19110 S. Ridgeland, Tinley Park at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 21, 2019

- + St. Basil Potluck Luncheon, immediately following Divine Liturgy in Philoptochos Hall

Saturday, August 3, 2019

- + Philoptochos hosting Ronald McDonald House Breakfast from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- + 1 Airmail Road, Hines, IL 60141

Thursday, September 19, 2019

- + St. Basil Cubs Outing at 7:05 p.m.
- + Wrigley Field, Chicago

We welcome new families to our parish.

Now is the time to reach out to your loved ones who have fallen away for whatever reason and bring them back to church. Now is the time to share your faith with others. Together we must grow. Together we must build the Body of Christ. Invite someone to a service or to a church event. We have one of the friendliest communities in the Archdiocese.

Let us go out so that they will know we are Christians by our love.

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Sacraments and Blessings

40-Day Blessings:

June 2, 2019

Miles
Son of Sophia & Branislav Popovic

June 23, 2019

Davis John
Son of MerryBeth & Michael Vithoulkas

Baptisms:



Chrismations:



Weddings:

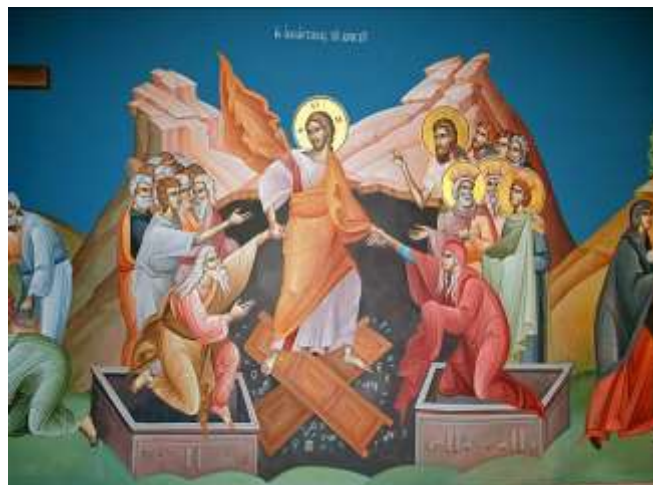
June 8, 2019

Alexia Plesiotis & Daniel Gould
Sponsor: Spero & Eleni Droulias

June 22, 2019

Boriana Tchernookova & Basilios Sianis
Sponsor: James & Yanitsa Liakos

Funerals:



Father Dimitri's Message



During the summer, we see a penchant for summer camps, trips, and vacations. I am not immune. I will be traveling to Fanari Summer Camp with our children and I will be taking my vacation as well, but just because we have these breaks from the norm, it is important for us not to forget about God. Too often, we see a huge break in parishioners from Memorial Day until Labor Day. The tragedy of this is less about the lack of people in the pews on Sundays and Feast Days at 733 S. Ashland and more about the lack of going to church in the places we go.

The issue is that we must not look at going to church, especially during the summer, as some sort of moral obligation. Too often we hear of guilting individuals to go to church, when the reality is that we should be seeking to develop our relationship with Christ. Church is one part of the ascetical life.

The ascetical life is not reserved only for monks and nuns, and we should not allow ourselves to fall into the trap of saying, "I am not a priest," "I am not a monk/nun," as though a prayerful life is left only to these select few.

The priest, the presbytera, the nun, the monk, should lead us by example, but their example is not a replacement for our own efforts. Indeed, we participate fully in the Liturgies with our voices as we complete the prayers when we say "Lord have mercy," "Grant this, O Lord," and especially when we give our assent by stating "Amen."

The meaning of life, as you have heard me say many times, is to become like God. "God became man so that man could become like God" (St. Athanasios *On the Incarnation*). We become like God by acquiring the Holy Spirit, by drawing closer through prayer and scripture.

We do this by wanting to be close to Him. Too often we look to going to church or praying as visiting that relative that we *have* to visit, but don't really want to. It becomes an obligation, a duty, and less a joy. God loved us first and we should respond to that love. That love is expressed in its entirety.

AGAPE: Selfless love. This perfect love is often quoted and understood as He selflessly gave His life for us. The Father selflessly gave His only begotten Son for us.

STORGI: Filial love. God loves us as his children. Jesus Christ asks us to call God Father, and if we read the Aramaic, Abba (Daddy). The unique love that a father has for his child, He has for us.

FILO: Friendly love. Jesus Christ told his disciples that they are His friends. A friend is someone who always gives and is present for those he cares about. Jesus Christ exemplified this in His entire ministry.

EROS: Passionate love. In Song of Songs, we see the passionate love Jesus Christ holds for us. This sort of love is the kind of all-consuming love that an individual has for another individual. Husbands and wives understand this love. To want to know everything about that person, to want to be with that person always, to be sad when that person is not around. Jesus Christ has this sort of all-consuming love for each and every one of us. This is not a general love, but a unique love for the individual in which the love of Christ is personally felt.

Ought we not to have these same qualities for our God? AGAPE—Shouldn't we selflessly put Him first as He put us first? STORGI—Shouldn't we obey Him the way that we obey our parents? FILO—Shouldn't we want to be with His friends, the Saints, so that we can enjoy the true community? EROS—Shouldn't Jesus Christ be our first and most important priority, above every other person and desire?

The love of God does not pause for us during the summer months. He does not stop longing for each of us wherever we are. He does not stop crying when we forget about Him or mourning when we hurt ourselves through our sins just because we don't think about Him.

Therefore, we should try to remember a few tools when we pack for our trips.

1. Our Bible—Reading Scripture brings us more understanding.
2. Our Prayer Book—Our daily dialogue with God in the morning, the evening, and throughout the day strengthens our relationship.
3. Our Icon—Whatever icon you take, be it Christ, the Theotokos, Guardian Angel, or a particular Saint, we remember the icon is a window into Paradise and allows us to participate with the Holy.

If there is no church where you go, at least pray. But if there is a church, go! The Body of Christ is the same wherever you go, and importance of participating in the Eucharist cannot be overstated.

Let us not make excuses for ourselves. We know what we can and cannot do. God, Who loves us, is waiting. Let us not delay but engage in the ascetical life to draw closer to Him. 1 John 4:19- "We love because God first loved us."

Christ is risen!

I remain your servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Fr. Dimitri". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Above the first name, there is a small cross symbol. Below the signature, there is a horizontal line that tapers at both ends, resembling a stylized underline or a decorative flourish.

Fr. Dimitri Tobias, *Proistamenos*

Parish Council Update

By Jayme Schenk

Greetings St. Basil Parishioners,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer, even though the weather hasn't been very summery lately.

I want to thank the Trivia Night committee — they put on another fantastic Trivia Night on June 13 at Billy Goat Tavern. We had close to 40 participants and a good time was had by all.

We also want to encourage everyone to attend the Golf Outing on July 10. Even if you don't golf, come for fun throughout the day and the dinner (also raffles are at 4pm). It begins at 9am at the Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park.

Finally, a reminder to save the date for a general assembly meeting on Sunday, July 14, after Divine Liturgy. We will be presenting a proposal to address the water seepage issue in the basement. Enjoy your summer.

Jayme Schenk

Parish Council President

Philoptochos Update

By Nichole Kourvas Drimonas

Hello Parishioners,

In August, Philoptochos will host breakfast at Ronald McDonald House. The House creates a home environment providing support and resources that help keep families together during times of medical need. The Hines location, supports families that have patients at Loyola University Medical Center. The event details are as follows:

Saturday, August 3, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Ronald McDonald House

1 Airmail Road

Hines, IL 60141

If you are interested in joining us for this event, please contact the church office at 312-243-3738.

Happy Summer!

Nichole Kourvas Drimonas,

Philoptochos President



Stewardship Update

By Maria-Kanella Koper



Registration for 2019 is still under way. You can sign up at <http://www.stbasilchicago.org/our-parish/stewardship/> or pick up a pamphlet at the pangari. We are looking forward to an exciting and prosperous year.

2019 Snapshot (as of June 24, 2019)

<u>Stewards</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Collected</u>
158	\$207,829	\$120,750

We are still looking for new members to join the stewardship team who are interested in helping grow the engagement of parishioners and new members at St. Basil. Stewardship Ministry meetings will be announced in the weekly bulletin. Please join us, we'd love to have you. If you are interested in being part of the team, please contact Maria-Kanella Koper at mariakkoper@gmail.com.

Would you like to be a guest writer for the Stewardship section of the monthly newsletter? We'd love to hear why you love Saint Basil's church and our faith. Please contact Maria-Kanella if you're interested.

Saint Basil Stewardship Ministry wants to hear from you. Have any questions, comments, ideas, or feedback? Let us know how we're doing so that we can better serve our church.

Have you become a steward of St. Basil's? Visit our website at www.stbasilchicago.org and click on "Stewardship" to learn more, or contact the church office at 312-243-3738 for additional information.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matt. 6:21)

PILGRIMAGE 2020

January 26—February 6

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church of Oak Lawn, IL; Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church of Justice, IL; and St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church of Chicago, IL will travel to the Holy Lands, Constantinople, and Cappadocia (The See of St. Basil the Great).



Sunday School

By Jennifer Georgopoulos

Congratulations to the St. Basil Sunday School students on a wonderful school year. Both students and teachers worked very hard and had successful a school year. We will miss our Sunday school graduates: Michael Chioros, Tom Georgopoulos, Amelia Bezanes, and Angela Bezanes. The St. Basil Sunday School team wishes all families a safe and wonderful summer.



Below are some ideas and helpful websites to refer to over the summer months to continue your child's religious education.

- + www.goreligiousedchicago.org/ contains current and past issues of *The Faith* (Orthodox Faith for Teens).
- + www.goarch.org/ is a wonderful resource filled with valuable information. Check it out.

Praxis magazine is a publication of the Department of Religious Education. The magazine addresses religious education, spiritual formation, and practical applications of our faith. There is also a section dedicated to family care.

Parents you can also take a family field trip to the St. John Chrysostomos Monastery in Wisconsin. Another idea includes reading the text *Blueprints for the Little Church — Creating an Orthodox Home* by the authors Caleb Shoemaker and Elissa Bjeletich. The text provides practical ideas and encouragement for incorporating the primary practices of Orthodox spirituality into your life and homes. The text is a quick and motivational read.

Parents please continue to attend Divine Liturgy over the summer months.

If you have any questions regarding the Sunday School program please contact Jennifer Georgopoulos at jenspalla75@sbcglobal.net.

Sunday School - Fundraiser

By Jennifer Georgopoulos

On June 9, the Sunday School students sold frappe and lemonade to raise money for the Children's Medical Fund — it was a great success. Thanks to the students and teachers for their participation.



St. Basil Choir

By Melita Green

What is the Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians?

We've received several requests to provide information about the Metropolis of Chicago Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians. As you know, St. Basil is hosting the 62nd Annual Church Musicians Federation Conference October 4 - 6, 2019. Here is what the Metropolis website states:

The Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians of the Chicago Metropolis was founded on November 2, 1957. The initial meeting was held at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago.

Our organization is a ministry arm of the Chicago Metropolis of the Greek Orthodox Church. We represent the church musicians of our Metropolis, whether they are member choirs, individual stewards, or chanters. Our aim is to sustain the music ministries and traditions of the Orthodox faith, enhancing the spiritual experience for our congregations. We provide the expertise, support, and resources needed to form new choirs and allow established choirs to grow in our parishes.

The responsibility of the day-to-day operations of the Federation falls to the board,* comprised of 15 individuals from throughout the metropolis, elected by the general assembly which is held each year at our annual conference. The ultimate governing body is the general assembly, comprised of individual delegates selected by each member parish of the Metropolis. Our Federation, in turn is a member of the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Musicians along with the other Metropolis Federations in the United States.

Our programs include the annual youth and adult conferences, roundtable discussions, flash choirs, workshops, church music institutes, and participation in a variety of metropolis events throughout the year. Our organization was instrumental in the addition of Sacred Hymnology as a new discipline within the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical and Fine Arts Festival and is entrusted with its development and implementation. The Federation is in the process of creating a Director's Guidebook that will aid in the training of current and future choir directors in our Metropolis. We have also established a scholarship fund for metropolis members seeking a college degree within a music discipline. The Choir Loft is our quarterly newsletter publication. It is sent to all of our members and can be found on our website.

Nick Chimitris, President, Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians Chicago Metropolis, January 2019

Every year, an ad book is used to support the Choir Conference. We are encouraging the purchase of ads and sponsorships for this year's conference. Please stop by the choir table in the fellowship hall for more information.

**Our choir director, George Panagopoulos, is a member of the board.*

Save the Date: October 4–6, 2019

62nd Annual Greek Orthodox Church Music Conference

Hosted by St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church

**“Sing a hymn to the Lord and exalt Him beyond measure
unto all the Ages.” Daniel 3:57**



Support the Choir Conference by:

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Buying an ad for the Ad Book.

**Visit our table after liturgy during the fellowship hour or e-mail
stbasilechoir@gmail.com.**

St. Tryphon Garden Ministry

By Marina Arvanitis

If you would like to volunteer with the St. Tryphon Garden Ministry this summer by watering, weeding, planting, etc., please contact Marina Arvanitis at marvanitis@uwalumni.com.



St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

By Marina Arvanitis

The St. John the Almsgiver Ministry provides survival packs for those in need. If you would like to donate items or make a financial contribution to create more packs, please contact Marina Arvanitis at marvanitis@uwalumni.com, who can update you on the ministry's current needs.

Each pack includes the following items:

Spring & Summer Survival Pack Items	
Jewel gift card - \$10	Comb
CTA single-transit ticket	Band-Aids
White T-Shirt	Hand wipes ('Wet Ones' pocket-size singles)
Pair of White tube socks	Granola bars
Toothbrush and Travel-sized toothpaste	Bottled water

DO YOU WANT TO GET HEALTHY?



“100 Days of Summer”

May 26 – September 2

**Come see our Booth During
Coffee Hour!**



St. Basil Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE
JULY 10, 2019

**St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church
Golf Outing**

 Odyssey Country Club
19110 S Ridgeland Ave.
Tinley Park, IL



\$135 Includes:
18 Holes of Golf
Breakfast
Lunch
Dinner
Open Bar

\$60 Includes:
Dinner
Open Bar


FOR MORE INFO
CALL
(312) 243-3738

**ST. BASIL CHURCH OUTING TO THE
CHICAGO CUBS**

Thursday, Sept. 19, 2019 • 7:05pm

 **CHICAGO CUBS** VS  **ST. LOUIS CARDINALS**

\$50 / person

Come out for a wonderful night of baseball, fun, and fellowship!

Tickets are located in the lower deck and can be purchased online at
www.stbasilchicago.org/cubs or after church.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT ST. BASIL AT (312) 243-3738 OR info@stbasilchicago.org.

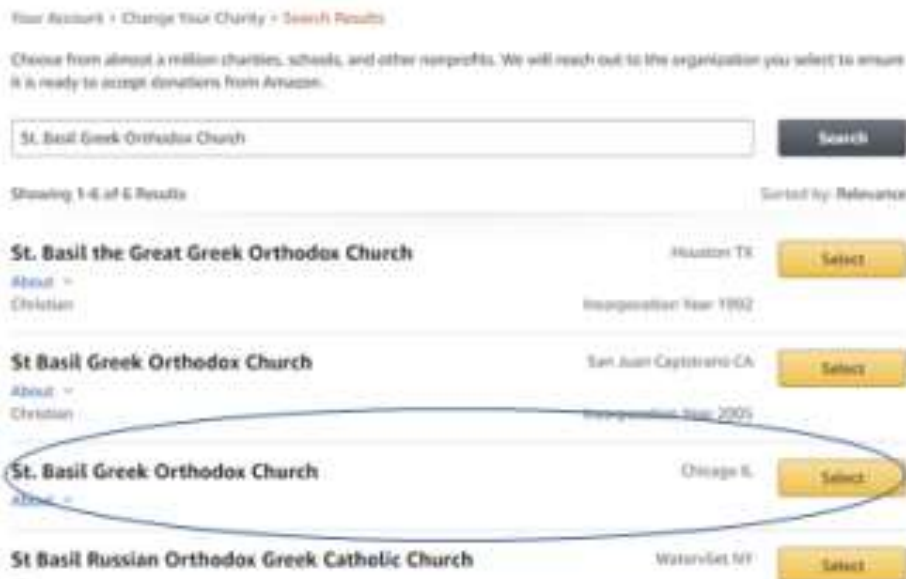
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Organization Name	Location	Relevance
St. Basil the Great Greek Orthodox Church	Houston TX	Relevance
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St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church	Chicago IL	Relevance
St Basil Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church	Watonsville NY	Relevance

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For more information call Vicky Crosby at the St. Basil office, 312-243-3738 or Steve Cole, 312-493-4063.

Prison Ministry - Life After Prison

By Pat and Steve Cole

On Saturday, May 11, St. Basil's Prison Ministry hosted a program titled Life After Prison. A panel of speakers from St. Leonard's House and Ministries presented an honest look at the challenges inmates face when they are released from prison and resources that are available to help them through the transition.

One important resource here in Chicago is St. Leonard's House, a nonprofit organization located near the United Center. It offers a range of services that include housing, job training, substance abuse counseling, and spiritual guidance. It has been in existence for 65 years.

Leading off the discussion was program director Christopher Roach, who has been with St. Leonard's for 13 years. Himself an ex-offender, he knows the issues from both sides. "A decision I made in ten minutes cost me nine years of my life," he said. "You cannot deprive people of freedom for years and then just toss them back into society. They will go back to what they know how to do, whether it's illegal or not. You're telling them to trust in something better, but they have no idea what that is."

"What most people need when they get released from prison is a small break in time to put a plan together," Chris Roach noted. "St. Leonard's House has services to help them do that. We have Alvin Community Health Services; we have a university that provides all our behavior modification services; we have a relapse prevention counseling; we have Rush University School of Nursing on-site one or two days a week to help people with their health needs, and next door at the Barlow Center we have education, vocational training, and employment programs."

Employment specialist Eric Courts followed up Chris Roach's talk with information about workforce development programs at St. Leonard's. He has forged solid relationships with some 200 employers, including the Chicago Transit Authority and FedEx. His programs at St. Leonard's offer culinary training; carpentry, electrical, and plumbing training to prepare participants for apprenticeship into trade unions; computer and financial literacy; interview preparation; job placement; resume preparation; and a 14-week program of high school night classes. Eric emphasized that St. Leonard's partners only with companies that provide jobs with long-term potential and a living wage.

Beside direct service, St. Leonard's House supports legislative initiatives such as "ban the box," which aims to remove from employment applications the check box that asks if a job candidate has a criminal record. They are also advocating for legislation (HB 2045) that would waive co-payments for incarcerated people seeking medical attention and for another bill (HB 94) that would enable people in prison for serious offenses to earn time off of their sentence by completing rehabilitative programs.

Saint Basil Church has already provided some assistance to St. Leonard's House. The Philoptochos Society and the choir donated food to them, and one parishioner donated some like-knew suits that residents can use for job interviews. Another parishioner is looking into ways her employer, a food products company, might be able to help St. Leonard's. In the coming months, the Prison Ministry will be suggesting ways our church can help the various programs at St. Leonard's.

Chris Roach summed up the presentation by explaining that what St. Leonard's House really offers is peace of mind and a sense of belonging. "We believe in redemption," he said. "I thank St. Leonard's because I'm here today."



St. Leonard's Ministry speakers (from left) Chris Roach, Eric Courts, and Christy Smith-Hall.

Coffee Hour Ministry

The Coffee Hour Ministry at St. Basil allows parishioners the opportunity to host coffee hour twice a month. It's a great way to get involved and promote fellowship at St. Basil while getting to know one another better.

We still have a few open dates for 2019 and are looking for volunteers to either host a coffee hour or participate in one of our potluck luncheons with a team of other parishioners. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office at 312-243-3738.

We thank everyone who has volunteered to host a coffee hour in 2019.

On June 16, 2019 — Coffee Hour was hosted by Prison Ministry

Thank You!



Sunday, July 7	Coffee Hour Ministry: Marina Arvanitis and Ed Franklin
Sunday, July 14	Coffee Hour: Philoptochos
Sunday, July 21	Coffee Hour Ministry Potluck Luncheon: Vicky Manasses, John and Patoula Brillris, Vana Kikos, Stella Kapetan
Sunday, June 23	Coffee Hour: Philoptochos

July 20 — The Glorious Prophet Elias (Elijah)



Elias of great fame was from Thisbe or Thesbe, a town of Galaad (Gilead), beyond the Jordan. He was of priestly lineage, a man of a solitary and ascetical character, clothed in a mantle of sheep skin, and girded about his loins with a leather belt. His name is interpreted as "Yah is my God." His zeal for the glory of God was compared to fire, and his speech for teaching and rebuke was likened unto a burning lamp. From this too he received the name Zealot. Therefore, set aflame with such zeal, he sternly reproved the impiety and lawlessness of Ahab and his wife Jezebel. He shut up heaven by means of prayer, and it did not rain for three years and six months. Ravens brought him food for his need when, at God's command, he was hiding by the torrent of Horraht. He multiplied the little flour and oil of the poor widow of Sarephtha of Sidon, who had given him hospitality in her home, and when her son died, he raised him up. He brought down fire from Heaven upon Mount Carmel, and it burned up the sacrifice offered to God before all the people of Israel, that they might know the truth. At the torrent of Kisson, he slew 450 false prophets and priests who worshipped idols and led the people astray. He received food wondrously at the hand of an Angel, and being strengthened by this food he walked for forty days and forty nights. He beheld God on Mount Horeb, as far as this is possible for human nature. He foretold the destruction of the house of Ahab, and the death of his son Ohozias; and

as for the two captains of fifty that were sent by the king, he burned them for their punishment, bringing fire down from Heaven. He divided the flow of the Jordan, and he and his disciple Elisseus passed through as it were on dry land; and finally, while speaking with him, Elias was suddenly snatched away by a fiery chariot in the year 895 B.C., and he ascended as though into heaven, whither God most certainly translated him alive, as He did Enoch (Gen. 5:24; IV Kings 2: 11). But from thence also, after seven years, by means of an epistle he reproached Joram, the son of Josaphat, as it is written: "And there came a message in writing to him from Elias the Prophet, saying, Thus saith the Lord God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the way," and so forth (II Chron. 21:12). According to the opinion of the majority of the interpreters, this came to pass either through his disciple Elisseus, or through another Prophet when Elias appeared to them, even as he appeared on Mount Tabor to the disciples of Christ (see Aug. 6).

Kontakion of Prophet Elias—Second Tone

O Prophet and foreseer of the great works of God, O greatly renowned Elias (Elijah), who by your word held back the clouds of rain, intercede for us to the only Loving One.

July 26 — Feast of the Holy Righteous Martyr Saint Paraskevi



Saint Paraskevi, who was from a certain village near Rome, was born to pious parents, Agatho and Politia. Since she was born on a Friday (in Greek, Paraskevi), she was given this name, which means "preparation" or "preparedness" (compare Matthew 27:62, Mark 15:42, Luke 23:54, and John 19:31, where 'Friday' is called "the day of the preparation"). From childhood she was instructed in the sacred letters and devoted herself to the study of the divine Scriptures, while leading a monastic life and guiding many to the Faith of Christ. During the reign of the Emperor Antoninus Pius, she was apprehended because she was a Christian and was urged to worship the idols, but she answered with the words of Jeremias: "Let the gods that have not made heaven and the earth perish from off the earth" (Jeremiah 10:11). Because of this she endured exceedingly painful torments, and was beheaded in the year 140. The faithful pray to her for the healing of eye ailments.

Orthodox Christian Celebration of the Holy Righteous Martyr Saint Paraskevi

The feast and commemoration of Saint Paraskevi is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom which is conducted on the morning of the feast and preceded by a Matins (Orthros) service. A Great Vespers is conducted on the evening before the day of the Feast.

Scripture readings for the feast are the following: At the Divine Liturgy: Galatians 3:23-4:5, Mark 5:24-34.

Hymns of the Feast

Apolytikion: First Tone

Appropriate to your calling, O Champion Paraskevi, you worshipped with the readiness your name bears. For an abode you obtained faith, which is your namesake. Wherefore, you pour forth healing and intercede for our souls.

Kontakion: Plagal Fourth

O most majestic One, we have discovered your temple to be a spiritual clinic wherein all the faithful resoundingly honor you, O famed and venerable martyr Paraskevi.

July 27 — Feast of the Great Martyr and Healer Saint Panteleimon



This Saint, who had Nicomedia as his homeland, was the son of Eustorgius and Eubula. His father was an idolater, but his mother was a Christian from her ancestors. It was through her that he was instructed in piety, and still later, he was catechized in the Faith of Christ by Saint Hermolaus (see July 26) and baptized by him. Being proficient in the physician's vocation, he practiced it in a philanthropic manner, healing every illness more by the grace of Christ than by medicines. Thus, although his parents had named him Pantoleon ("in all things a lion"), because of the compassion he showed for the souls and bodies of all, he was worthily renamed Panteleimon, meaning "all-merciful."

On one occasion, when he restored the sight of a certain blind man by calling on the Divine Name, he enlightened also the eyes of this man's soul to the knowledge of the truth. This also became the cause for the martyrdom of him who had been blind, since when he was asked by whom and in what manner his eyes had been opened, in imitation of that blind man of the Gospel he confessed with boldness both who the physician was and the manner of his healing. For this he was put to death immediately. Panteleimon was arrested also, and having endured many wounds, he was finally beheaded in the year 305, during the reign of Maximian.

Saint Panteleimon is one of the Holy Unmercenaries, and is held in special honor among them, even as Saint George is among the Martyrs.

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Scripture readings for the feast are the following: At Vespers: Isaiah 43:9-14, Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9, Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3; At Orthros: Matthew 10:16-22; At the Divine Liturgy: 2 Timothy 2:1-10 and Luke 21:12-19.

Hymns of the Feast

Apolytikion (third Tone)

Panteleimon, saintly champion and healer, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls remission of sins.

Kontakion (Plagal of the First Tone)

O Champion and Martyr of God, imitating the Merciful and bearing from Him the grace of healing, cure our spiritual ills by your prayers, and set free from the temptation of the eternal enemy those who ceaselessly cry out, "Save us, O Lord."



July 28 — Irene the Righteous of Chrysovalantou

Saint Irene, who was from Cappadocia, flourished in the ninth century. Because of her great beauty and virtue, she was brought to Constantinople as a prospective bride for the young Emperor Michael (842-867); however, as Saint Joannicius the Great foretold, it was God's will that she assume the monastic habit instead. She shone forth in great ascetical labours, and suffered many attacks from the demons; while yet a novice, she attained to the practice of Saint Arsenius the Great, of praying the whole night long with arms stretched out towards Heaven (see May 8). God showed forth great signs and wonders in her, and she became the Abbess of the Convent of Chrysovalantou. She was granted the gift of clairvoyance and knew the thoughts of all that came to her. She appeared in a vision to the king and rebuked him for unjustly imprisoning a nobleman who had been falsely accused. Through a sailor from Patmos to whom he had appeared, Saint John the Evangelist sent her fragrant and wondrous apples from Paradise. She reposed at the age of 103, still retaining the youthful beauty of her countenance. After her repose, marvelous healings beyond number have been wrought by her to the present day.

Kontakion of Irene Chrysovalantou—Third Tone

Leaving all the world behind with its impermanent glory, thou wast wedded unto Christ, the King immortal and holy, bringing Him as precious dowry thy maiden beauty and thy trophies won through abstinence over demons. O Irene, our righteous Mother, entreat thy Bridegroom to show His mercy to us.

St. Basil's— 4th Annual Trivia Night

We'd like to thank everyone who attended our 4th Annual Trivia Night — it was a great night!
(and a special thank you to the Billy Goat Tavern)





St. Basil — 2019 Stewards

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St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church - July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 6:00 pm Paraklesis (Supplication Service) to the Virgin Mary	4 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Independence Day	5	6
7 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy	8 7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting	9	10 9:00 am St. Basil Golf Outing	11 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	12	13
14 8:15 am Fanari Camp 4th Week Orthros and Divine Liturgy 11:30 am General Assembly	15 Fanari Camp 4th Week	16 Fanari Camp 4th Week	17 Fanari Camp 4th Week	18 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Fanari Camp 4th Week	19 Fanari Camp 4th Week	20 Fanari Camp 4th Week Philoptochos Brunch at Ronald McDonald House 9:00 am
21 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy	22	23	24 6:00 pm Paraklesis (Supplication Service) to the Virgin Mary	25 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	26 6:30 am Divine Liturgy for St. Paraskevi	27 8:30 am Divine Liturgy for St. Panteleimon
28 8:15 am BLESSING OF APPLES Orthros and Divine Liturgy	29	30	31 6:00 pm Paraklesis (Supplication Service) to the Virgin Mary			

SAVE THE DATE

JULY 10, 2019

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Golf Outing



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18 Holes of Golf
Breakfast
Lunch
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Open Bar



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